

AUTHORIZING SALE OF LANDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PURCHASE  
OF CEMETERY SITE FOR KIOWA, COMANCHE, AND APACHE  
TRIBES OF INDIANS

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Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma, from the Committee on the Public Lands,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10950]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill  
(H. R. 10950) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain  
lands to provide funds to be used in the purchase of a suitable tract of  
land to be used for cemetery purposes for the use and benefit of  
members of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes of Indians,  
having considered the same, report it to the House with the recom-  
mendation that it do pass without amendment.

The reasons for the enactment of the legislation are fully explained  
in a letter to the chairman of this committee from the Secretary of  
the Interior, dated December 29, 1924, which letter is herein set  
out in full for the information of the House, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, December 23, 1924.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,  
*Chairman Public Lands Committee,  
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SINNOTT: Referring to your request of December 12, 1924,  
for a report on H. R. 10590, entitled "A bill authorizing the Secretary of the  
Interior to sell certain land to provide funds to be used in the purchase of a suit-  
able tract of land to be used for cemetery purposes for the use and benefit of  
members of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes of Indians," the action  
proposed in the bill is favored by this department.

The 40-acre tract described in the bill was not included in the 1900 session,  
having been previously selected and set apart for cemetery use for the tribes  
occupying the Kiowa Reservation; but, because it is unsuitably situated, it has  
never been used for burial purposes. The Indians have gradually become mem-  
bers of the churches established for their benefits, are now taking part in the local  
management, and their dead receive Christian burial. Stones and monuments  
are erected and increasing interest is evinced in the sightliness of their cemeteries.

Since there is no present authority of law for the desired sale and purchase and  
the proposed legislation is in line with the steady advance of the Indians, enact-  
ment of the bill would be very acceptable to this department.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.

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